

Connecticut State Department of Education

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Adult Education Operational Memorandum # 06-04

- Workforce Investment Act Title II Reauthorization
- Important Information Pertaining to the State Adult Education Grant Revision Applications - (ED-245 and ED-245A)

1. Workforce Investment Act Title II Reauthorization

The most recent information regarding the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act leads us to believe that there will not be a new law until sometime during 2004. The Senate passed the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Amendments of 2003 through a voice vote by unanimous consent on November 14, 2003. The House passed its version of WIA reauthorization, the Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act of 2003, on May 8th. The House and Senate will deliberate in conference over the coming months in an effort to reach a compromise between the two bills. The text of both bills can be found on The Workforce Alliance's website at: <http://www.workforcealliance.org/policy/analysis.shtm>

The United States Department of Education (USDOE) has informed us that we do have the option of conducting a one year competition while WIA is re-authorized. We are however, awaiting further details, and as these become available, we will alert you to the particulars. The USDOE, Division of Adult Education and Literacy (DAEL), may refine its thinking as it continues to receive guidance from the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB).

As you know, all of the adult education federally funded grants (PIP, EL/Civics and Technology) end on June 30, 2004. Given this information and the fact that the currently funded grants have had different funding cycles, we have decided to publish a new request for proposals (RFP) for FY 05, July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2004.

Our early plans are to issue the RFP in late February or March with a return date in Early May or June. Priority areas may include but not be limited to the following: Workforce Preparation, Worksite Education, Family Literacy, Transition, Intensive ESL, Technology III (for new and existing providers) and CDP Web-based Learning. All of the above is still under discussion. Again, this is early thinking. For questions contact Gail Brooks-Lemkin at (860) 807-2121 or gail.brooks-lemkin@po.state.ct.us

2. Important Information Pertaining to the State Adult Education Grant Revision Applications - (ED-245 and ED-245A)

The ED-245 and ED-245A (Adult Education Grant Revision Applications) will be made available on our Adult Education website the week of December 15th. **Please be** advised that the customized ED-114 Budget Revision Form, a vital component of the ED-245 and ED-245A applications, **will be mailed** that same week **under separate cover** to provider superintendents and directors as well as CEE agency heads. The ED-114 is specially customized to each individual provider and CEE program, therefore, we are unable to include it within the website application. **Remember** even if there is no change to line items or the bottom line of your ED-245/A, **the ED-114 must be included with your ED-245/A submissions** which are due to the Bureau no later than February 13, 2004. For questions contact Valerie Marino at (860) 807-2130 or valerie.marino@po.state.ct.us

Let me take this opportunity to wish you and your families a blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

cc: Adult Education Unit
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